

## THE EVENING STORY. OVER MOLDOY'S RAISE.

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"You'll never come back."  
The calm of the girl's face suddenly broke up, and she lifted stormy eyes. "Why do you keep repeating that?" she demanded. "In the first place, I've planned the situation. By going to college Anna and I can both shortly become teachers and self-supporting. Here there is nothing for either."

"Am I nothing? You promised to marry me, Zane, and Anna can live with us. That was arranged long ago. You have no right to break the compact unless you mean to break—with me."

The girl got up quickly from her seat on the rock. Her eyes were still looking down at the girl, who was leaning close to a tree-trunked river, beyond which towered, black and uneven, the dividing line between the known and the unknown, the undesirable and the desirable, Moldoy's Raise. Then it returned and rested on her companion's face. "John Valney," she cried, "I'd rather die than to live my life out there, married to your uncle's factotum and three of us trying to live on what is barely necessary for one. Why, it is unthinkable!"

There was a surprised silence, then: "You forget that I am my uncle's heir," "But I am not of the stuff that waits for dead men's money," she retorted, scornfully. "Money honestly earned, the reward of my own efforts, for me, as your wife must, should live a life of poverty and probably die without having seen beyond Moldoy's Raise. We must wait."

"The delectables are not all beyond Moldoy's Raise," he said, sullenly. "I was just bred, yet I was glad to accept uncle's offer. I am content." "Content? That's just the trouble. You are easily satisfied. I know that, and knowing it is how I see the future so plainly. My father was like you. His was one long day of contentment. But what of mother, who was like me? She loved the things which were beyond her reach, just as I do. She missed all that was worth the living of, yet she was not altogether unhappy."

"Not all," he said stubbornly. "She had good marks and devotion. That ought to count for something."

"And so should I, John. And so it counts for something. A girl's deal," she cried out. "Don't misunderstand me. A man has the right to his own life, but

know that my property will fall to capable hands."

"Yes," the doctor agreed, heartily. "But what came over him? That first year he was with you he appeared to be a tiny, perfectly content with mere existence."

"Exactly," his uncle laughed. "But I've never even questioned. One day he began questioning me about the business, and from that minute to this—"

John Valney got up from the sofa with the blood pounding in his temples and with a dizzy uncertainty of things. He took his hat and went out. The boy he had evidently been that first year, happy with Zane, elated over his prospects of wealth, contented with waiting, he saw for the first time, and with noonday



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clearness. Why, Zane had been right. Girl though she was, she had seen what he had not even suspected. Probably— "John Valney," a voice called, and almost instantly a hand touched his arm. "Monster! I have chased you a block. Then, seriously, 'You were right, John.' The delectables are not all beyond Moldoy's Raise. I just had to come back, and I must tell you how happy I am that you've proved my reading of you wrong. Oh," she exclaimed, as a train whistled, "I shall have to run."

"Never mind about the train," he said, holding her back. "I'm just now trying to work it out. You were partly right, at least. I was contented, and for years energy was bent on proving you wrong. Afterward, though, the business fascinated me. I worked for love of it. I'm not the man you think I am, yet she perhaps you'll like me better. You know, you said you would come back when you had tried your wings. Will you?"

She fumbled in her purse for a mo-

ment and held up with a tremulous smile a little circlet of twisted gold. "We were both right and both wrong, John," she said. "But it was my going over Moldoy's Raise that convinced us. I'm so glad there's going to be further use for this."

(THE END.)

## THE BRITISH CRISIS XXXIV.—Taxation of Land Values.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

The liberal party in Great Britain is pledged to a reform of land taxation, so that the actual value of the land will be considered in making assessments, to the double end that the burden of taxation may be more than equitably distributed and that the great landed estates may be converted from deer parks and game preserves into productive fields. The opposition party is determined that no such violent disturbance of the fiscal relations between the government and the landowning class shall be put into effect.

An illustration may serve to explain the present British system. Suppose you own a house and lot, the market value of which is \$10,000. You are not assessed for any tax, but the property is "rated" at what a willing tenant would give to occupy it for one year in its existing condition.

Average real estate returns in England are calculated at 4 per cent, so that your house would be rated at an annual value of \$400, quite regardless of what the tenant actually pays. The rating authority then allows a deduction of 10 per cent for repairs, which reduces the net rateable value to \$360 a year. Expressed in English money this would be £72 sterling. Then the tenant who occupies the house is compelled to pay the tax, which in an average community would be 7 shillings in the pound. That would mean that he would pay about \$128 in tax, in addition to the \$400 rent that he pays.

All tax rates such as we express in decimal form, under the English system must be expressed in so many shillings and pence in the pound, so that that amounts such as 4 per cent and 6 per cent cannot ordinarily be expressed. In fact, nothing is so puzzling to the British mind as the decimal system, and it is recorded as a fact that when Lord Randolph Churchill was chancellor of the exchequer he was forced

to ask his secretary, "What do those damned dots mean?" Now the occupier of your house does not pay his \$128 taxes to one collector. He is valued by one authority for the poor rate—that is, for the support of paupers and by quite a different authority for county and school purposes. In some places he may be rated by as many as five different rating authorities, and each of them may fix a different annual value on the property he occupies.

Even when he has paid all these "rates," as they are called, he has other taxes to pay. He must pay an inhabited house tax, which ranges from 3 pence to 9 pence in the pound on rateable value. Over and above this he must deduct from the rent he pays the owner the amount of income tax which the owner must pay and return it to the government.

Now if the house burns down or is torn down and the land is not used no taxes are paid by anybody whatsoever. Absolutely unimproved land pays no rates, no income tax and no inhabited house tax. If undeveloped land is found to have an annual value of \$250 an acre for other purposes than agriculture the owner must pay a tax of one-fifth of 1 per cent of the annual value. But this startling innovation dates only from the disputed 1909 George Budget of 1909. Agricultural land such as deer parks and pheasants preserves are untaxed.

Not only is undeveloped agricultural land untaxed, but even the used and occupied agricultural holdings pay nothing like the tax paid by the city householder. An occupied farm in a rural community of the same value as the ten-thousand-dollar town house would pay in some instances only one-half the rates, and in others only one-fourth, the difference being made up by direct contribution to the local authority from the imperial exchequer.

Not only have the rural landlords voted themselves grants in the way of rates out of the national treasury, but they have also so changed the income tax that whereas a city man must pay tax on all income over £150 a year, the farmer pays income tax only on one-third of the rent he receives instead of the whole amount, thus operating to increase his exempted income from £150 to £450.

The tax reformers would change this whole system by valuing the site value, or capital value, of real estate holdings and assessing a tax on that amount instead of on the annual value. In the United States, where all assessments of lands are made on the capital value, it is almost incomprehensible that our British cousins should dispute as to the feasibility of such a scheme.

It is gravely declared every day in England that it would be absolutely impossible to assess the capital value of land, that only the annual value is possible of as-

essment, and that the occupier and not the owner should pay all the taxes.

Those who are insisting upon the taxation of land values entertain no delusion as to who should eventually pay the taxes. They do assert, however, that it is a rank injustice to the toiling millions of the underpaid and underworked classes that the taxation laws should be so arranged as to encourage the further withdrawal of land from actual use either for farming or for building purposes. They believe that the actual assessment of land at its capital value and the levying of a tax on that assessment would set the axe to work in the deer park and the plow to breaking up the bird preserves.

Furthermore, they believe that to compel the owner of undeveloped land in the city to pay taxes on the market value of his holdings would be to encourage him to build houses, as to get an income out of his property, and at the same time furnish accommodations for the unhoused people of the congested urban districts.

Some of the supporters of the taxation of land values are single taxers who accept the theory of Henry George and are looking forward ultimately to the remission of all other taxes except that on land values. These extremists, however, do not insist upon going more than a step at a time, and they are co-operating heartily with men of more moderate views, who look upon land value taxation not as a social reform, but as a desirable readjustment of the fiscal system.

It was an event of very great importance when Mr. Lloyd George included in the budget introduced a few weeks ago a proposition for the valuation of lands for the purpose of assessing local rates, thus committing the liberal government to the proposition of change from the annual value to the capital value of land for the purpose of taxation. It is by no means certain that this portion of the budget will be adopted, and even if it is adopted it cannot be put into general effect without supplementary legislation that may require several years to enact.

In fact, the details of the agitation for the taxation of land values are relatively unimportant. They are merely symptomatic of a much more significant general trend. England today is divided into two camps. One is composed of those who would continue to govern the country primarily in their own interest and secondarily in the interest of all the people by retaining their hold on the governmental machinery through the ownership of large landed estates. The other is composed of those who would destroy the partnership between the ownership of land and the governing class, and who would distribute both the land and the political power throughout the masses of the people.

In these threatening times in British

affairs the student searching for the ultimate truth will do well to go deeply into the land question.

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